

**MODULAR CRYPTOGRAPHIC DEVICE PROVIDING ENHANCED INTERFACE
PROTOCOL FEATURES AND RELATED METHODS**

Abstract of the Disclosure

A cryptographic device may include a cryptographic module and a communications module coupled thereto. The cryptographic module may include a user network interface and a cryptographic processor coupled thereto. The communications module may include a network communications interface coupled to the cryptographic processor. The cryptographic processor may communicate with the user network interface using a predetermined protocol, and the cryptographic processor may also communicate with the network communications interface using the predetermined protocol.